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1. BELGIAN POSITION FULLY SUPPORTS ADOPTION OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM AT JANUARY 29-30 GB MEETING. DENIS, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ENERGY OFFICE AND BELGIAN DELEGATE TO GB, TOLD US THAT BELGIUM'S ONLY CONCERN IS THAT THE PROVISIONS IN CHAPTERS 3 AND 5 CONSTITUTE "ONLY A FIRST STEP" TOWARDS THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE. HE ADDED THAT ON THIS QUESTION THE BELGIANS ARE FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF THE FRG.

2. BASICALLY, THE BELGIAN POSITION IS THE SAME AS DAVIGNON'S (HE IS BOTH GB CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN BELGIAN FONOFF). BUT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF NUANCE ARISING FROM THE FACT THAT IEA COMMITMENTS MUST BE REVIEWED BY PARLIAMENT, WHERE THE AGENCY ENGENDERS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTROVERSY. REFTEL B OUTLINES CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE KEPT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FROM SUBMITTING IEP FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL UNTIL NOW, AND A SIMILAR SET OF FACTORS MAY INFLUENCE THE BELGIAN APPROACH TO THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM
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